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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe, the below named inventor is the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention for **Method for Comparing Features Extracted from Images of Fingerprints**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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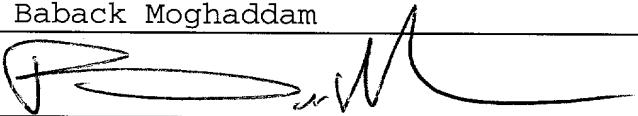
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On behalf of Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories, Inc., Assignee of my entire right, title and interest, I hereby appoint the following attorney with full power of substitution to act exclusively for Mitsubishi Electric to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Dirk Brinkman, Reg. No. 35,460, and Andrew J. Curtin. Reg. No. 48,485

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